

DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:


[1] My residence and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

[2] I believe I am the original, the first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a utility patent is sought on the invention entitled "**Secure Data Storage Systems**" the specification of which is attached thereto.

[3] I hereby state I have reviewed and understood the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

[4] I acknowledge the inventor's duty to disclose all information I know to be material to patentability in accordance.

[5] I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patents issued thereon.

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Youngtack Shim declares as follows:

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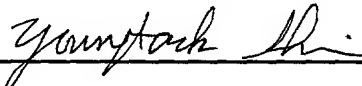
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**DECLARATION CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
[37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b)] – INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in Section 1.9(c) of 37 CFR for purposes of paying reduced fees under Sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35 USC, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention which is entitled “Secure Data Storage Systems” described in:

- ☒ the specification filed herewith.
☐ application serial number [], filed [].
☐ patent number [], issued [].

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under Section 1.9(c) of 37 CFR if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under Section 1.9(d) of 37 CFR or a non-profit organization under Section 1.9(e) of 37 CFR.

Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status when any new Rule 53 application is filed or prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate under Section 1.28(b) of 37 CFR.

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